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Baker-Polito Administration Names New Deputy Secretary for Housing and Economic Development

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BOSTON — Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy announced Timothy J. McGourthy as incoming Deputy Secretary, effective March 4. McGourthy will assume the role vacated by former Deputy Secretary Carolyn Kirk, who was [named executive director of Massachusetts Technology Collaborative](https://www.masstech.org/press-releases/carolyn-kirk-lead-massachusetts-technology-collaborative) (<https://www.masstech.org/press-releases/carolyn-kirk-lead-massachusetts-technology-collaborative>) earlier this month.

McGourthy has been engaged on policy development for local, state, and federal initiatives over his 25-year career. In the last twenty years, McGourthy held public sector and nonprofit executive roles focused on the economic growth of Boston and Worcester, most recently serving as the executive director of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, a position he has held since February 2014.

“I am thrilled to welcome Tim McGourthy to the Baker-Polito Administration,” said Secretary Kennealy. “Tim brings a wealth of policy expertise and a deep understanding of

municipal government and collaboration at the regional and state level. His work in Massachusetts' two largest cities, particularly the last 12 years in Worcester, has laid the foundation for a great deal of regional and statewide economic success, and I look forward to leveraging his insights and experiences as we work to spur new jobs and economic prosperity across the state."

As Deputy Secretary, McGourthy will support the management of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED), which works to advance the economic opportunity for residents, partner with local leaders to pursue economic priorities, and engage with businesses to support job creation. EOHED is comprised of several agencies, including Housing and Community Development and the Office of Consumer Affairs, has a \$1.4 billion budget and approximately 1,000 employees.

"I am honored and excited to be serving in the Baker-Polito Administration and to work alongside Secretary Kennealy to ensure economic growth continues, across all regions of the state," said McGourthy. "I have witnessed first-hand the partnership embodied by this administration and how that has translated into growth and positive momentum in the Worcester region and beyond, and I look forward to contributing to the team's continued work on behalf of each and every community in this great Commonwealth."

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About Timothy J. McGourthy:

Timothy J. McGourthy has been engaged on policy development for local, state, and federal initiatives over his 25-year career. Over the last two decades, McGourthy held public sector and nonprofit executive roles focused on the economic growth of Massachusetts' two largest cities. McGourthy previously served as Executive Director of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, Inc., a position he held since February 2014. McGourthy focused on economic development for the City of Worcester from 2006 to 2014, serving as Chief Development Officer for the City, as well as Chief Executive Officer of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority, where he oversaw nine City divisions related to business development, culture, housing, neighborhoods, planning, workforce

development, and youth. He worked closely with public and private partners to facilitate transformative redevelopment projects for Worcester. From 1999-2006, McGourthy served as Director of Policy at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston's planning and economic development agency, where he crafted policies and programmatic solutions to a broad range of issues impacting the growth and development of the city.

McGourthy's research experience at Carnegie Corporation of New York explored issues of social development and international affairs. He also worked for Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the Commonwealth of Virginia's Governor's Office. He has served as a member of Governor Charlie Baker's Commission on the Future of Transportation in the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Better Government Transition Committee, and the Massachusetts Economic Development Policy Council as well as the City of Worcester's Tax Policy Committee.

McGourthy holds a bachelor's degree in history from The College of William & Mary, a master's degree in government from The Johns Hopkins University, and a master's degree in public policy and urban planning from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is adjunct faculty at Clark University. McGourthy and his family live in Worcester.

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